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NEXT MEETING
March 29, 2023
Board/Business Meeting
12:30 pm

Mar 22 - Kiwanis Meeting. St. Louis Performance Academy, Nora Howard.

Mar 29 - Kiwanis Meeting. Board/Business Meeting.

11 members and 3 guests present: twirlers Nora Howard & Jordan Hermann, and twirling coach Emily Hawkins. Connie opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Pauline followed with the Invocation. She reminded us of the fund raiser at Culvers on S. Lindbergh this coming Monday, March 27. Please wear long pants and closed toe shoes. Connie also stated that the up-coming service project, Feed the Need St Louis, is currently full for the time slot we had originally planned. We will therefore not participate this year. She then introduced Emily Hawkins to explain about the St. Louis Performance Academy.

Emily Hawkins is the lead coach for The St Louis Performance Academy. The original founder was Emily's mother, Kelly Wicks, and the name was Kelly's Cuties. The academy teaches baton twirling. The classes range from beginner level through elite. Ages range from 5 through 22. Baton twirling is a unique sport and is offered at many public and private school districts. In addition to Emily being the Lead Coach, she also teaches dance classes at the schools. The baton twirling includes dance steps. The two sports seem to go hand in hand. Conditioning is a requirement of training, and the students are required to run three miles a week outside of class. The academy currently has 200 students. In addition to competitions, they perform all across Missouri, at parades, charity events, tree lightings, Silver Dollar City, nursing homes and so on. In August of this year, Emily and 33 baton twirlers will be traveling to Liverpool England for the International World Twirling Competition. All twirlers from Mehlville and Oakville schools will be traveling to England. The academy is the only one from the United States to perform in their category. Quite an accomplishment! Emily's motto is to Engage, Motivate and Inspire. At the end of Emily's presentation, Nora and Jordan performed for our members in the parking lot of Frailey's. It was amazing! Thank you, Nora and Jordan.

Happy Dollars: All members were happy for today's presentation by Nora, Jordan, and Emily

50/50: Lee.

Lottery ticket: Jeanne.

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Meeting Cancellation Policy

This winter we will again follow the Mehlville School District Snow Day policy if inclement weather should occur on one of our meeting days. If the Mehlville School District declares a snow day or a virtual instruction day, our meeting will also be cancelled. In other words, if the students do not go to school, neither will we go to our meeting. On questionable days, tune in to the TV or radio for school district cancellation announcements.

Member News

Bill Leonard has returned to Delmar Gardens Fenton and **Gerry Abeln** is back home and improving..

Oakville HS Key Club News

The Oakville HS Key Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month after school, 2:15pm, in the library/.

Mar 27 - Key Club Meeting.

Apr 11 - Key Club Meeting.

Apr 25 - Key Club Meeting.

We hosted the first March Key Club meeting at OHS Library. First, we ask students to sign in on the attendance QR codes. We reminded our members about points requirements which are 50 hours and those seniors who want a cord will have to have 100 hours in total. We talked about our previous services which are Feed the Needs registrations and Reading is Fun! We thanked and appreciated our volunteers. Then, we informed them about upcoming events: Reading is Fun, Spring Egg Hunt, Spring Egg Hunt Booth, and the officers' elections. The application is sent out to those who are interested in leadership positions. Key Club officers will get voted after spring break. Then, we concluded our meeting and notified the next meeting date.

Mehlville HS Key Club News

The Mehlville HS Key Club meets on the 1st Thursday of each month after school.

Our March 2 meeting was mainly a discussion of what we plan to do as a reward for the pop party for the TAP class that collects the most soda tab tops.

Apr 2 - Key Club Meeting.

Reading is Fun

Our Reading is Fun program is once again on the 4th Monday of each month, September thru May except for December since that is such a busy month, at the Lemay Child and Family Center, 9828

S. Broadway, 63125 at 3:00pm. The young children love having the teenagers read to them and then they get to keep the books to take home.

South County Kiwanis Web Page and Face Book Page

We have a Web Page and a Face Book Page up and running. You can now follow us on either page by going to them with their addresses, or you can click a link on either of them to get to the other. We encourage you to follow us through either of them to keep abreast of our activities.

Web Page: <http://k11339.site.kiwanis.org/>

Face Book Page: [South County Kiwanis](#)

Thanks to Mary Howard for taking care of the Facebook page and to Katie Keeven for taking care of the Web Page. Thanks also to Jennifer Bess for volunteering to work with them.

MARCH/APRIL

Birthdays: John Howard - 3/6
Vern Langenfeld - 3/8
Marge Lechner - 3/21
Rick Kircher - 4/6

Anniversaries: None in March.
None in April.

Kiwanis Anniversaries: Louann Elledge - 3/9/94
Sue Franey - 3/25/98
Roy Wunsch - 3/19/14
Ed Kurmann - 4/2/97
Jeanne McKenna - 4/27/18



Jordan Hermann & Nora Howard twirling their batons on the parking lot. They have tossed their batons in the air and waiting to retrieve them.